

OPINION 1514

***Liasis* Gray, 1842 (Reptilia, Serpentes): *Liasis mackloti* Duméril & Bibron, 1844 designated as the type species**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Liasis* Gray, 1842 are hereby set aside and *Liasis mackloti* Duméril & Bibron, 1844 is designated as type species.

(2) The name *Liasis* Gray, 1842 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Liasis mackloti* Duméril & Bibron, 1844, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name *mackloti* Duméril & Bibron, 1844, as published in the binomen *Liasis mackloti*, is to record that it is the type species of *Liasis* Gray, 1842 by designation in (1) above.

History of Case 2439

An application for the designation of *Liasis mackloti* Duméril & Bibron, 1844 as the type species of *Liasis* Gray, 1842 was received from Mr A. F. Stimpson (*British Museum (Natural History)*, London) and Dr S. B. McDowell (*Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A.*) on 22 April 1983. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 330–334 (December 1986). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received. Further information concerning *Liasis mackloti* Duméril & Bibron may be found in the application by Dr L. D. Brongersma (1968; BZN 25: 55–59), including (p. 57) the designation of a lectotype.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 332. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Hahn and Holthuis.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy, and Trjapitzin.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to a name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Liasis Gray, 1842, *Zoological Miscellany*, p. 44.